

# **Strategic Prevention Framework State Incentive Grant**

## **Background and Authority**

Governor Brewer's Office for Children, Youth and Families was awarded the Strategic Prevention Framework State Incentive Grant (SPF SIG) in October 2004. The SPF SIG is a five-year infrastructure grant awarded to states from the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP) and the Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) to enable them to build sustainable systems at the state and community levels that will prevent and reduce substance abuse. This grant provides funding to support community substance abuse prevention efforts utilizing the Strategic Prevention Framework five-step prevention-planning model.

The SPF SIG is designed to assist states and communities in the systematic process of building or improving the overall substance abuse infrastructure to more effectively prevent and reduce the impact of substance abuse, including underage drinking. This process must be data driven by using a combination of statewide epidemiological data and local level data. In building or improving this infrastructure, SPF SIG states and communities are required to implement the following five steps:

## The Five Steps (Model) of the Strategic Prevention Framework

#### **Step 1: Needs Assessment**

Profile population needs, resources and readiness to address the problems and gaps in service delivery.

#### Step 2: Capacity Building/Community Mobilization

Mobilize and/or build capacity to address needs.

### Step 3: Strategic Planning

Develop a comprehensive strategic plan.

## Step 4: Implementation

Implement evidence-based prevention programs, policies, and practices.

## Step 5: Evaluation

Monitor process, evaluate effectiveness, sustain effective programs/activities, and improve or replace those that fail.

## **Outcomes**

#### **Community Coalition level accomplishments:**

- Through funding community based organizations, Arizona has increased substance abuse prevention activities in 22 communities in 10 Arizona counties.
- Implemented 63 different environmental strategies in 22 cities and towns across an area that encompasses 31% of the state's population.
- Implemented research-based efforts designed to make positive changes at a population level.
- Developed coalition capacity and recruited 460 community members, created local and state awareness of their community coalition's vision and efforts, and created 11 new community strategic plans.

## State level accomplishments:

- The Arizona Substance Abuse Partnership was established out of Executive Order 2007-12 and serves as the single statewide council on substance abuse issues.
- The Partnership brings together stakeholders at the federal, state, tribal and local level to utilize data and practical expertise to develop effective methods to integrate and expand services across the state by maximizing available resources.
- The Partnership serves as mandatory advisory council for the strategic prevention framework grant (SPF-SIG), and has become a national model on how to address substance abuse at the state level.

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